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Respectfully submitted,  
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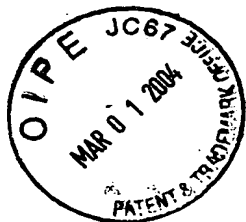
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Sir or Madam:

I, Christoph Gößmann, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Georg-Höpfel-Straße 11, 84453 Mühldorf, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For EP 0 686 679 A1, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

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J. Schoelkopf et al, Journal of Colloid and Interface Science 227, pages 119 to 131 (2000), cited in the application, are enclosed.

Signed this 06 day of February, 2004.

  
Christoph Gößmann